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Re: State Environmental Commission (SEC) Appeal Hearing Big Springs Mine -- NEV0087001

Please be advised that the Chairman of the SEC Appeal's Panel has scheduled a date for the above referenced appeal. The appeal is set for Wednesday, February 8th and, Thursday, February 9, 2006 in Carson City, Nevada.

I will advice all parties of concern when a meeting room for the appeal has been identified. I would anticipate the meeting to run from 9: 00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. And the SEC will be contracting with a court reporting service for recordation purposes.

As way of reminder, most documents related to the Big Springs Mine Appeal are posted on the SEC website.

Sincerely

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